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W O R S H I P L E A F L E T

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Extol him, all you peoples!

For great is God's steadfast love toward us.

**The faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!**

PRAYER

Holy God, we trust in your steadfast love. Throughout history, you have shown faithfulness to your people. We come into your presence with songs of joy and thanksgiving for all you have done for all humanity. Through Jesus Christ, you have restored creation and offered us the gift of salvation. By the power of your Spirit, you sustain us, and we praise you. Be with us as we study your Word, and grant that our worship praises your constant care and love. Amen.

HYMN: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of all,
From the best bliss that earth imparts,
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed over the world Thy holy light.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:17–24; Hebrews 8:6–7, 10–12
(*To be read from the reverse side, responsively or in unison.*)

PRAYING WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER

Lord, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Hear our prayers as we confess our sins and the sins of all humanity. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not always shown love to our neighbors. We are sorry for our sins and ask your forgiveness. Strengthen us to love and obey your commandments. We pray for those who suffer. Particularly those we know and name in the silence of this moment. (*Keep a brief silence.*) Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may serve you in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

HYMN: "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

There eat with us in love divine;
Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.

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JESUS INSTITUTES THE NEW COVENANT

SCRIPTURE READING FOR TODAY: Mark 14:17–24; Hebrews 8:6–7, 10–12

14:17 When it was evening, he came with the twelve.

18And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?”

20He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me.

²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

22While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.”

²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.

24He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

8:6 But Jesus has now obtained a more excellent ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted through better promises.

7For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need to look for a second one. . . .

¹⁰“This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

11And they shall not teach one another or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

¹²For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”

A VERSE TO REMEMBER: Jesus has now obtained a more excellent ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted through better promises. (Hebrews 8:6)

FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jesus Seals the New Covenant (Mark 14:32–50; 15)